

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE
(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.

This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). (Box 3 is checked.)

It is noted that the Written Opinion prepared by ISA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). As such, the USPTO is reminded that the USPTO is obligated, pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.496, last sentence, to take this application “out of order”.

The US has been elected (Article 31).

A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) has been communicated by the International Bureau.

Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) have not been made and will not be made.

An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) is attached.

A preliminary amendment is attached.

A copy of the Written Opinion prepared by ISA/US is attached.

Attached are the Basic National Stage Fee (fee code 2631), the National Stage Search Fee (fee code 2640) and the National Stage Examination Fee (fee code 2643), totaling \$150 paid by credit card.

Respectfully submitted,

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